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**EL PASO MAN SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON
FOR RECRUITING A FEMALE JUVENILE TO DISTRIBUTE DRUGS**

(EL PASO, TEXAS) This afternoon, U.S. District Judge Edward C. Prado sentenced a 21-year-old El Paso man to 151 months in federal prison for distributing 500 grams or more of methamphetamine and recruiting a female juvenile to assist in the distribution.

In addition to the prison term, Judge Prado ordered that **ALEXANDER MONTENEGRO** be placed on supervised release for a period of five years after completing his prison term.

On April 3, 2001, U.S. Customs officials at the Ysleta Port of Entry arrested a 16-year-old female after discovering approximately 16 pounds of methamphetamine inside a hidden compartment in a vehicle she was driving. A follow up investigation led them to Montenegro. On June 7, 2002, Montenegro pled guilty to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute a controlled substance. Montenegro admitted that he recruited the 16-year-old female to import methamphetamine from Mexico into the United States.

This case was investigated by the United States Customs Service and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Greg McDonald.

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